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1. THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ADVISES THAT MR. JAMES BURRESS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM, COMMITTEE FOR THE HANDICAPPED WILL BE VISITING SELECTED COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND WISHES TO MEET WITH LEADERS IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION. MR. BURRESS WILL PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING INTERCHANGES OF REHABILITATION ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS IN THE U.S. WITH COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE INITIAL PRIORITY FOR THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERCHANGES WILL BE WITH AFRICAN LEADERS.

2. MR. BURRESS HAS A BROAD BACKGROUND OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION IN THE U.S. SERVING AS THE ACTING COMMISSIONER, REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND AS THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DHEW REGIONAL OFFICE,

DENVER, COLORADO. HE HAS HAD MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A REHABILITATION COUNSELOR, SUPERVISOR AND AS A SPECIAL ADVISOR TO STATE AND REGIONAL OFFICES, MR. BURRESS HAS ALSO SERVED AS A SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO RSA IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OVERSEAS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

- 3. MR. BURRESS HAS WORKED OUT HIS OWN PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTRY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR OR ONE OF HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF MEMBERS FROM EACH AFRICAN COUNTRY TO BE VISITED. MR. BURRESS WILL CALL UPON THE AMERICAN EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL. NO OTHER ASSISTANCE IS BEING REQUESTED BUT AGENCY WOULD APPRECIATE USUAL COURTESIES BEING EXTENDED TO MR. BURRESS.
- 4. AIR ITINERARY FOR MR. BURRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: LEAVE WASHINGTON, D.C. VIA BRANIFF 104 ON SATURDAY FEB 12 AT 1430, ARRIVE NEW YORK (JFK) AT 1545; LEAVE NEW YORK (JFK) VIA RK 50 (AIR AFRIQUE) AT 1800 ON FEB 12 AND ARRIVE DAKAR ON SUNDAY FEB 13 AT 0625; ON SUNDAY FEB 20 LEAVE DAKAR VIA GH 547 AT 0900, ARRIVE FREETOWN AT 1100; ON SUNDAY FEB 27 LEAVE FREETOWN VIA GH 547 AT 1130, ARRIVE MONROVIA AT 1215; ON SUNDAY MARCH 6 LEAVE MONROVIA VIA GH 547 AT 1245; ARRIVE ACCRA AT 1515; ON SUNDAY MARCH 13 LEAVE ACCRA VIA GH 564 AT 1600, ARRIVE LAGOS AT 1745; ON MONDAY MARCH 21 LEAVE LAGOS VIA GH 551 AT 1045, ARRIVE LOME AT 1100; ON SATURDAY MARCH 26 LEAVE LOME VIA RK 523 AT 1745, ARRIVA ABIDJAN AT 1850; ON SATURDAY MARCH 26 LEAVE ABIDJAN VIA PA 189 AT 2325, ARRIVE NEW YORK ON SUNDAY MARCH 27 AT 0755. UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. BURRESS HAS AN OPEN RETURN FROM NEW YORK TO WASHIGTON, D.C.

- 5. RSA WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE REQUESTED HEREIN.
- 6. BURRESS IS NOW PRIVATE CITIZEN, BUT TRAVEL IS FINANCED FROM GRANT FROM HEW. HE DOES NOT RPT NOT SPEAK FRENCH. IF NECESSARY HE HAS FUNDS TO HIRE INTERPRETER. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSIES ON ARRIVAL.

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